

Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Williams

Culture, Japanese Style

Last night, Tuesday, marked the opening of the three week engagement of the Odori Festival of Japan at the Ahmanson Theatre of the Music Center and hope many of you were there 'cause it was something.

It's done in dance, singing and music performed on ethnic instruments by 40 members of a company selected by the Japanese government to represent it in July at Expo '87 prior to this limited S. Hurok tour of the United States.

Japanese folkdance, aside from the ancient Kabuki Theatre, is a relatively new form of art, General classic or popular Japanese dance is found largely in two forms; the pantomime and the religious dance, the latter including dances about the soil and harvest.

All in all, it's a highly interesting form of art and most beautifully presented by this Odori Festival of Japan. Make some reservations for this one soon.

Everybody eventually finds his way to The Matador Restaurant in West Los Angeles to indulge themselves in some of that delicious foods-of-Spain offered there by owner-hose Bill Fremont. In particular, people from the world of entertainment.

As an example, actress-dancer Ann Miller was in just recently (she's a regular) as was singer Tommy Leonetti and actors James Douglas and Ben Gazzari. (and after watching that re-run Sunday nite, we're mad at him! He's a ba-a-d one!)

And speaking of entertainment and entertainers, The Matador itself has its own entertainers, y'know. They're on both sides of the bar — the customers on this side throw the bull and mix-o-matics Kiki Garnica and Jessie Torres throw it on the other side.

Comes natural to these two, however 'cause they were both top flight matadors in Mexico before embarking on their present careers. Dealing with bulls or dealing with people... they're both gorey businesses!

There's also plenty of entertainment in the exciting little Flamenco Room downstairs from the main dining room at The Matador, too, you know so avail yourselves of some good food, fun and frolic on West Pico any nite but Monday. (They're closed then.)

Had a 'phone call from Nick Cicciarelli at the Jet Room Lounge Monday morning and he informs us he's got a change of entertainment for you.

She's Julie Logue who spent a year at the Carriage Trade spot in Westchester and has now moved back to the Inglewood stamping ground.

So for all you sing-along buffs who like to go in for old time songs and sit-ins, here's your chance, Julie's a local gal, y'know so let's get on over there and support her. A real fine talent you'll enjoy.

Don't miss out on the action that goes on over here at Sam Falla's San Franciscoan Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge on Sepulveda at Cronshaw.

Particularly don't miss the action if you're queer for Prime Rib or Top Sirloin Steak all nicely charbroiled. And at a price?? You bet! It's a dollar ninety-five for either one.

The San Franciscoan is open for luncheon and/or dinner and the cocktail lounge opens daily at around 10 in the ayem for cocktails or just good conversation... but don't take Webb Smith's stool! He gets unhappy 'cause dance, the latter including dances about the soil and harvest.

There's entertainment nite-ly at the San Franciscoan, too, so you can see, there's always something doing down there.

Well now, girls, are you ready for this? They're looking for beautiful models of the foreign national types for the International Gift Show over at Pan Pacific Auditorium. So why shouldn't you get in on it!

These gals are wanted to represent their native countries and if you're interested all you have to do is write or apply in your very own person to the publicity director of the Universal Marketing Company at 1680 No. Vine St. in Hollywood. That's in Suite 900. In fact they've got a little ad going in today's paper in the Women's Pages to this effect but just thought it might be a good idea to toss a line in here, too.

We've had a couple of dry runs on this in the past but this time it's for real. Referring to the new Boat Deck Lounge being featured these days aboard the Princess Louise Restaurant on Terminal Island.

And starting as of the day before yesterday, Monday the 31, there's a real swingin' duo appearing down there every nite but Sunday for the next six weeks from 9 in the evening 'til 1:30 in the ayem.

They are Lewis and Sanchez and you've never heard so much from so few! This duo sounds like a 12 piece ork and good! The Latin side of the duo is Art Sanchez who combines his efforts with partner Syd Lewis and his 12 drums. There are ad libs and good fast humor throughout the show while their music ranges all the way from Lower Basin Street stuff to the Boston "Pops."

These two have appeared in niteclubs from Acapulco to New York and from Miami Beach to Palm Springs... and you can believe it, this is no easy gig!

General Manager of the Princess Louise Mike Morrell, heard this talented pair many times and the first opportunity that came up to sign them... Mike grabbed and quick!

So now you have just something more to attract you to The Princess (and she's a Falla!) when next you take in dinner on board. Remember, it's up there in the glass en-

hour with "Hal" on drums plus your beverage. Oh yes, and doing the vocals much to the delight of the patrons of Pepy's. And as Hal finds out, there's no tripping up of Cal when it comes to music. He's a true entertainer with a sparkling personality.

In his own spot, The Pacific Lounge, Cal entertains equally well when he sits down at the piano with his current attraction, "Kimo" who plays there Wednesday thru Monday nites, featuring "Music of Hawaii Today." A highly competent and entertaining artist in his own right.

Then Sundays is something else again at Pacific Lounge. It's the old Jam Session bit again and they really swing every week.

Make the scene some time soon at the Pacific Lounge for luncheon dinner, cocktails and entertainment to be long remembered.

Say, are you looking for a nice change of pace and at a good price for these lunches you're constantly pitching?

Well down there in Manhattan Beach, as you all well know, is that ever popular Pen and Quill that's featuring a fantastic luncheon buffet every day, Monday through Friday for three hours starting at 11:30 in the ayem. And the price is a very respectable two dollars and ten cents. It's a complete buffet and features a whole round of beef

plus your beverage. Oh yes, of course the regular menu is available also.

So for you business executives who wish to hold sales meetings and you women's club members, here's the spot for you.

On that buffet thing there are ten assorted salads from which to choose and three hot dishes and the whole thing is served in the beautiful Manhattan Room. Take advantage of this exceptional luncheon at the Pen and Quill.

Planning a trip to Diconia in the next week or so, by any chance? Well, we might suggest you take a flyer at the new Maynard Sloate production which bowed in at the Tropicana couple weeks ago.

It's comedy and more comedy when you put guys like Jackie Gayle in the Blue Room with his barbed-type humor, and Beni Mason with his equally funny routines of mimicry, impressions and stand-up antics.

The whole production is socked with laughs and is backed up by Woody Herman and his musical herd plus the brilliant young singing star, Renee Armand.

So, as we said, if you're planning a trip like to Las Vegas, you still have about nine days to catch this newest of Sloate productions at the Hotel Tropicana.

Sonny Caldron has appeared on the beach-beat horizon again and this should be good news to all you dance buffs 'cause this group plays some of the most danceable and listenable stuff in the Southland.

It's still the same group who played up there on the hill at the Hunting Horn for so long. Sonny, Denny and Joe, then of course lovely, beautiful and talented Liz Caldron doing the vocals. This pretty gal is nothing short of one of the most danceable dance-partners anywhere around, fellas, but keep your eye on Sonny... 'cause he'll have his eye on you! And when you look at Liz... well, you can't blame the guy!

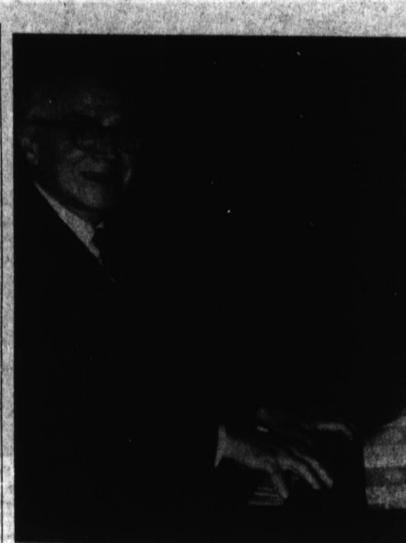
They're playing nite-ly down there on the pier in Redondo Beach at the Golden Hull.

\$513,000 Paid in Insurance

Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO — The state of California paid \$36,620,274 to unemployment insurance claimants in June of this year, Peter Weinberger, director of the State Department of Employment has just announced.

Payments were substantially under those for May when the total amounted to \$45,861,045.

Payments made from the Torrance office for the area totaled \$513,191 for June, Weinberger said.



THE PROFESSOR... That's what he's known as over at The Matador Restaurant. He's Professor Manuel G. Matos and when he puts his hands to that keyboard, you'll see just why he's called The Professor. He's in the Flamenco Room nite-ly at the Matador.

Skate Board Rodeo Slated

The Lomita Recreation Center will sponsor its second annual skate board rodeo Tuesday from 11 a.m. until noon. Registration will begin at 10 a.m.

Awards will be presented in slalom, belly race, obstacle course, limbo race, and balloon pop events. All boys and girls are invited to enter the rodeo.

Films Planned

Two free films will be shown Saturday morning at 10:30 at the Isabel Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St. The films are "Fuss in Boots" and "Fun Factory."



SMILINGLY... They're showing their approval of "Kimo's" brand of music at the Pacific Lounge. The hostesses at the Lounge are, shown left to right, Mary Carol and Marcie, both most attractive appendages to the Pacific Lounge.

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